additional funds for the on-going projects and for taking advance action on new projects.

(b) Till recently (upto June, 1987), Punjab was by and large able to meet its requirements of power fully. Of late, due to inadequacy of monsoon, the demand for power of agricultural sector in Punjab has increased resulting in a power shortage condition.

(c) and (d) An additional outlay of Rs. 11,200 crores during the Seventh Five Year Plan has been assessed for taking advance action on Central and State power projects intended to yield benefits during the Eighth Plan period. This includes power projects of Punjab also.

Demand of coal mine workers' trade unions

3372. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade unions of coal mine workers have demanded the extension of educational facilities in the Coal Mine areas; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. In their Charter of Demands submitted for NCWA-IV, certain unions have, among other things, suggested opening of more educational institutions in the coalfields.

(b) The demands of the unions for NCWA-IV are still being discussed in JBCCI.

Marghesita Project of ASEB

3373. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission approved a project of the Assam State Electricity Board in 1981 for constructing 2x30 MW Borgolai Thermal Power plant on high-sulphur coal at Marghesita in upper Assam;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the ASEB has been prevented from importing a suitable boiler on the plea that the BHEL would design the required boiler;

(c) whether the BHEL have succeeded in designing the boiler in consonnance with the requirements of the ASEB's project at Marghesita;

(d) whether it is a fact that the project cost has already escalated by over 100 per cent due to delay in implementation of the Marghesita project; and

(e) whether Government propose to review the case and allow the ASEB to import the required boiler?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Kathalguri Gas based power project

3374. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received a memorandum from the All Assam Students' Union urging upon the Ministry of Energy to entrust to the Assam State Electricity Board the execution, operation and maintenance of the proposed Kathalguri gas based power project in upper Assam; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The execution of the project has been entrusted to the North-Eastern Electric Power Corporation which is a regional agency.

Alternative sources of energy

3375 SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States which depend only on hydel power;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up thermal/nuclear power plants as alternative sources of energy for these States;

(c) if so, what steps are contemplated to be taken in the near future; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The major States which at present depend mainly on hydro power are Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala and Meghalaya.

(b) to (d) There are proposals to set up (i) a Gas Turbine plant (3 X 25 MW) in Jammu & Kashmir, and (ii) a Thermal Power Station (420 MW) in Kerala.

Closing down unit by WMI (Cranes) Limited, Bombay

3376. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the WMI (Cranes) Limited, Bombay, which is associated with Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited, Neyveli for its expansion projects, has since closed down its unit and thus is unable to execute the given contracts;

(b) whether the NLC has already given huge advance money for the given job;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what further action is being contemplated to be taken in the matter to ensure, inter alia, recovery of NLC's money and to cancel the orders?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir. One out of several manufacturing units handling the fabrication of parts for spreaders to be supplied by WMI (Cranes) Ltd. for Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.s' Second Mine Expansion project is reported to be experiencing a strike by workers. This has not affected the progress of execution of the contract as WMI has assured that arrangements have been made with other units for handling this work.

(b) and (c) Two advance payments of Rs. 20,108,302/- each have been made to WMI Cranes Ltd. on 17th July, 1986 and 27th December, 1986.

(d) Does not arise.

Production of streptomycin, Vitamin B1 etc.

3377. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of Streptomycin, Vitamin B1, Erythromycin, Vitamin B6, Tetracycline, Vitamin B2 and certain other drugs from basic stages would suffer as system of pooled price and retention price would be dispensed with;

(b) whether it is a fact that these drugs are produced in the country and are under price control;

(c) if so, what are the names of the producers along with the production of each drug of each producer during the last three years; and